

PATENT APPLICATION

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Appl. No. : 09/308,150
Applicant : Van Venverooij, et al.
Int. Filing Date: 14 November 1997
Title : PEPTIDE DERIVED FROM DETECTING AUTOIMMUNE ANTIBODIES FROM PATIENTS WITH RHEOMATOID ARTHRITIS, ANTIBODY DIRECTED AGAINST SAID PEPTIDE, A BOMBINATORIAL ANTIGEN, AND A METHOD OF DETECTING AUTO-IMMUNE ANTIBODIES

TC/A.U. : 1644
Examiner : Amy M. DeCLOUX

Docket No. : 30394-1027
Confirmation No. : 5796

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Public Law 97-247, Section 8, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Petition Decision mailed on April 18, 2003, be extended for one month(s), to and including July 18, 2003. The appropriate small entity fee for this extension is authorized for deduction from Deposit Account No. 13-4213. Small entity status is declared under 37 CFR § 1.27.

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Respectfully submitted,

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